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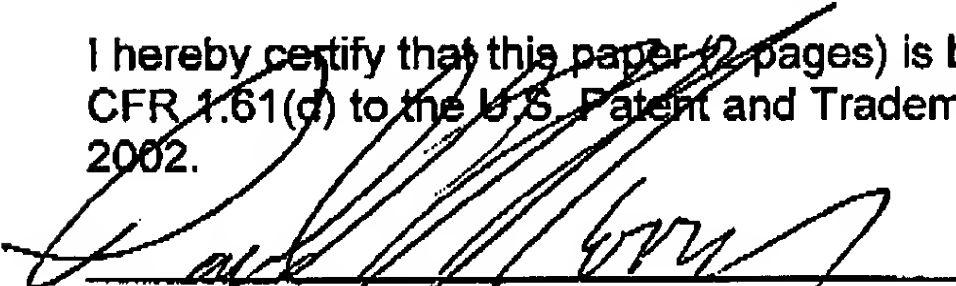
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REMARKS

Support for the added claims 64-144 is found throughout the specification and in US application serial number 07/685,368 filed on Oct. 19, 1992 incorporated by reference at page 7, lines 6-8 from the bottom, now issued as US 5,371,654 on December 6, 1994.

Claims 64-144 added herein are substantially identical to the claims of US 6,215,670 which has an earliest claimed priority date of November 16, 1993. The present application is a continuation of US Application Serial Number 08/872,579, filed on 6/11/1997, now issued as US 6,334,247 B1 which is a divisional of US Application

Serial Number 08/754,869, filed on November 22, 1996, now issued as US 5,821,763 on October 13, 1998, which is a continuation of US Application Serial Number 08/055,485, filed on April 30, 1993 and now issued as US 5,635,846 on June 3, 1997. Therefore, US 5,371,654 and US 5,635,846 are both 35 USC 102(e) references against US 6,215,670.

Nonlimiting specific exemplary support for added claims 64-144 is shown in Figs. 7-10 of the present application and Fig. 2 of US 5,371,654 and as indicated in Second Preliminary Amendment submitted on April 9, 2002 in regards to added claims 30-63.

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